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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: AFSP, ACOM, ET, US

SUBJECT: POUCH INSPECTION

REF: ADDIS ABABA 10491

1. NEITHER APO MAIL NOR AIR FREIGHT ENJOYS DIPLOMATIC IMMUNITY.

2. WE MAINTAIN POSITION THAT WE WILL NOT RPT NOT ACQUIESCE IN OPENING OF USG DIPLOMATIC POUCHES. IN VIEW OF ONGOING NEGOTIATIONS BEING CONDUCTED BY DIPLOMATIC CORPS AND OUR STOPPAGE OF USG POUCHES THERE IS NO NEED TO MAKE THIS POINT UNILATERALLY TO PMG AT THIS TIME.

3. CONSEQUENCES REFERRED TO IN STATE 234280 REFLECT FACT THAT INABILITY OF EMBASSY TO SEND OUT OR RECEIVE POUCHES WILL SOONER OR LATER AFFECT OPERATIONS OF EMBASSY AND OTHER USG COMPONENTS IN ADDIS WITH POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES FOR PMG IN VIEW OF OUR PROGRAMS IN THE ECONOMIC AND MILITARY

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ASSISTANCE FIELDS.

4. IN TACTICAL DISCUSSIONS WITHIN CORPS YOU MAY WISH TO  
FLOAT IDEA OF ASSURANCES TO PMG THAT POUCHES WILL NOT BE

USED FOR ILLEGAL CURRENCY TRANSACTIONS. YOU MAY ALSO WANT  
TO CONSIDER SUCH ASSURANCE TO BE MADE UNILATERALLY ON OUR  
PART SHOULD JOINT DIPLOMATIC CORPS NEGOTIATIONS FAIL AND  
EACH COUNTRY IS LEFT TO NEGOTIATE FOR ITSELF WITH PMG.

5. IN ABSENCE OF POUCH SERVICE DEPARTMENT INTENDS TO  
MAXIMIZE USE OF TELEGRAPHIC COMMUNICATIONS FOR ESSENTIAL  
CLASSIFIED MATERIAL THAT WOULD NORMALLY GO BY CLASSIFIED  
POUCH. KISSINGER

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